GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5835
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
BIS SURVEY ON JEWELLERS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities and metros wherein jewellers and gold traders were surveyed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) during the last two years;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the survey in Madhya Pradesh was conducted to ascertain that sub-standard gold was being sold to the people; and

(d) if so, the number of jewellers found selling sub-standard gold?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Bureau of Indian Standards conducted a survey in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai,Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Jaipur to find out the actual purity of Gold jewellery being sold in the market. Out of 120 samples of jewellery tested, only 14 were found conforming to the claimed purity.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.